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- Stake/Ward/Mission Records
- Patriarchal Blessings
- Journals, Photographs, Correspondence, Personal Papers

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The screenshot shows the Church History Library website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'About', 'Visit', 'Services', and 'Research'. Below this is a search bar labeled 'Search Library Catalog' with a 'Search' button. The main content area features several featured articles and databases. The first article is 'Who's that Pioneer?: Reconstructing a Life Using the Church History Library (Part 1 of 3)', which discusses the library's collections and includes a small image of a pioneer scene. The second article is 'Church History Library Blog Series', which mentions related posts from 'The Historical Record' and the library's blog. The third article is 'Get Started with Research Guides', which offers research assistance and subject guides. Below these are three database links: 'Find Your Family in Church History', 'Pioneer Database', and 'Missionary Database', each with a brief description of the resources available.

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Who's that Pioneer?: Reconstructing a Life Using the Church History Library (Part 1 of 3)

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Find Your Family in Church History

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Pioneer Database

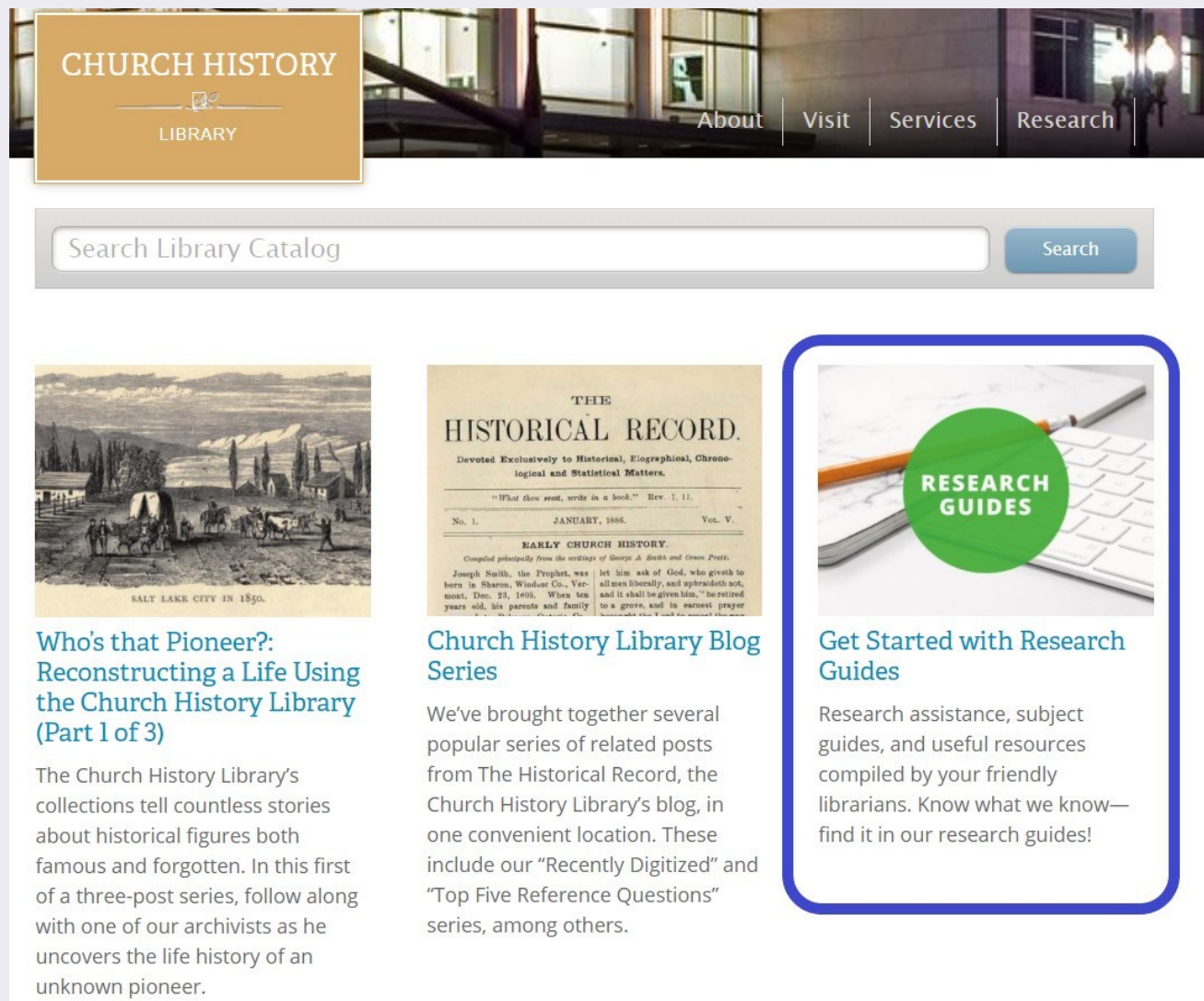
This database is a compilation of names of individuals and families obtained from reliable sources of individuals who immigrated to Utah in 300 wagon and handcart companies between 1847 and 1868.

Missionary Database

Discover a wealth of information about nearly 40,000 missionaries who served from 1830 to 1930.

Research Guides

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**THE
HISTORICAL RECORD.**
Devoted Exclusively to Historical, Biographical, Chronological and Statistical Matters.
"What thou seest, write in a book." Rev. 1, 11.
No. 1. JANUARY, 1888. Vol. V.
EARLY CHURCH HISTORY.
Compiled principally from the writings of George A. Smith and Orson Pratt.
Joseph Smith, the Prophet, was let him ask of God, who giveth to
born in Sharon, Windsor Co., Ver- all seen liberally, and upbrought not,
mont, Dec. 23, 1805. When ten and it shall be given him," he retired
years old, his parents and family to a grove, and in earnest prayer

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Research Guides available – and we're adding more!

- General Church History
- General Conference
- Missions and Missionaries
- Leaders of the Church
- Latter-day Saint Family and Local History Sources
- Blacks in Church History
- Women's Organizations *
- Journal History of the Church
- Latter-day Saint Woman's Suffrage *
- Perpetual Emigrating Fund
- Photograph Collections
- Baptism and Confirmation Information in Early Records
- Young Women Organization *
- Pioneer-Era Journals
- Eliza R. Snow *
- Primary Organization *

















* Research Guides where the primary focus is women

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 <p>General Church History Resources and materials about the history of the Church in different eras of its movement and growth.</p>	 <p>General Conference Resources and material to assist in the study of General Conference, including information on the General Conference.</p>	 <p>Missions and Missionaries Information and resources about Latter-day Saint missionaries, the missions in which they served, and the</p>
 <p>Leaders of the Church Information on the leadership history of the Church, with resources about leaders past and present.</p>	 <p>Latter-day Saint Family and Local History Sources Latter-day Saint family and local history sources, including digital and web-based resources.</p>	 <p>Blacks in Church History Introduction to selected black Latter-day Saints and related historical materials from the culture of the Church.</p>
 <p>Women's Organizations Resources and information about the history of women's organizations of the Church.</p>	 <p>Journal History of the Church Information to assist in navigating the complex and important Journal History of the Church collection.</p>	 <p>Latter-day Saint Women's Suffrage Resources and materials to assist in a study of the suffrage movement in Utah and nation.</p>
 <p>Perpetual Emigrating Fund Information and resources to assist in researching the Perpetual Emigrating Fund (PEF).</p>	 <p>Photograph Collections Information and resources to assist in researching and navigating the Church History Library's extensive photograph collections.</p>	 <p>Baptism and Confirmation Information in Early Records Information to assist you in finding baptism and confirmation dates in early records.</p>
 <p>Young Women Organization Resources and information to assist in researching the Young Women organization.</p>	 <p>Pioneer-Era Journals Information and guidance on how to find pioneer journals.</p>	 <p>Eliza R. Snow A collection of resources and information to help you research the life and work of Eliza R. Snow and her legacy.</p>
 <p>Primary Organization Information and resources for researching the history of the Primary.</p>		

A look inside -

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Young Women Organization ^

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Historical Details

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On-Site Resources

Additional Resources

Young Women Organization Time Line

Young Women Presidencies

Young Women Slogans/Themes/Mottos

Young Women Values (Fields)/Colors/Symbols


Young Women Jewelry/Bandlos

Young Women Music

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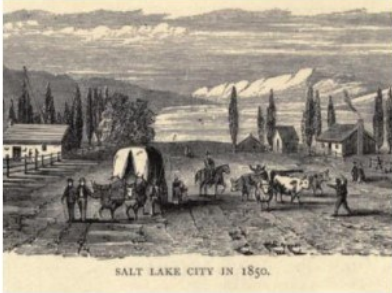
Overview

Young Women Organization Research Guide



Blog Posts

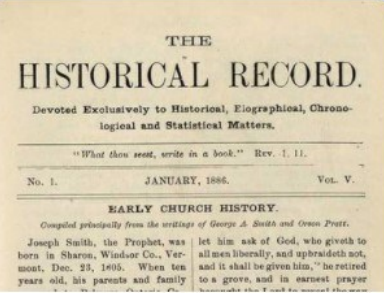
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SALT LAKE CITY IN 1850.


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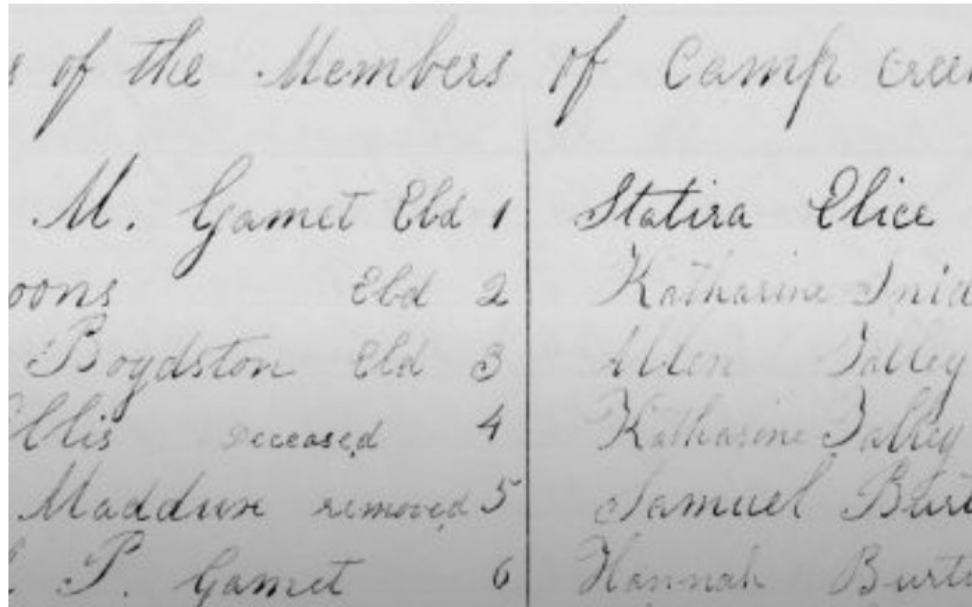


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Finding My Family in Church History—Family Treasures in the Church History

By The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints



Finding My Family in Church History—Something from Margaret

By The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

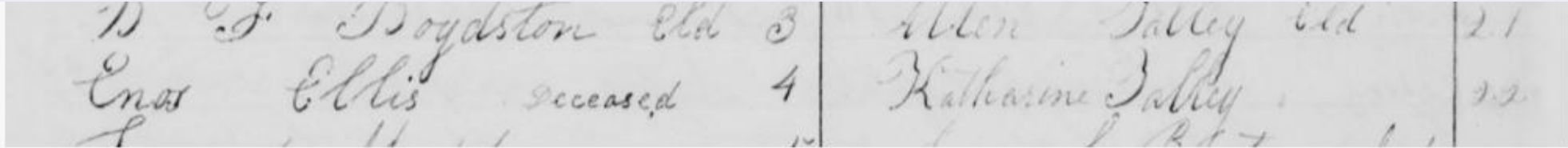


Finding My Family in Church History—Mary Matson's Testimony

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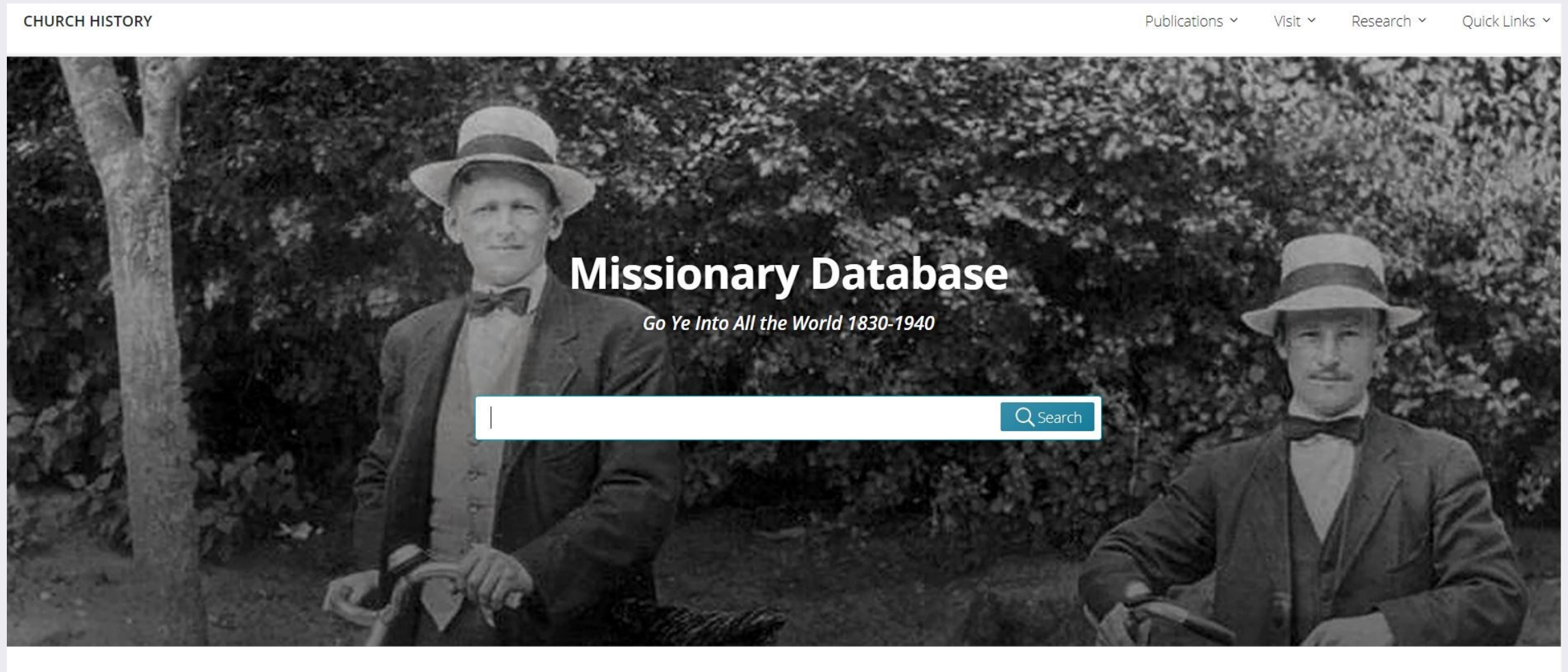
Jay G. Burrup, Church history consultant
21 April 2020

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Tracing the history of early Latter-day Saint converts from Europe can be very challenging. Sometimes related records can be located, but sometimes records were not kept, have been lost or destroyed over time, or might still be held privately, thus making them unavailable for research. Fortunately, many relevant records for enthusiastic family and local historians are housed and available for research at the Church History Library.

Over past decades, I have tried to reconstruct my family's history, because no one in the early generations kept diaries or recorded autobiographical memories. Wilford Woodruff introduced the gospel to my fourth great-grandmother, Susanna Dutson Burrup, a widowed shopkeeper in rural Worcestershire, England, 180 years ago. She belonged to a Primitive Methodist break-off sect whose members identified themselves as the "United Brethren." There were an estimated 400 members of the group who lived in rural villages of the bordering counties of Hereford, Worcester, and Gloucester. According to tradition, all but one of the United Brethren converted to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in a relatively short period.

Missionary Database: history.ChurchofJesusChrist.org/missionary




A look inside and tips -

- For women, try searching under their maiden name rather than married name
- Search under the mission (there may be multiple spellings of the person's name)
- You can add information and photographs!
- You can link this to FamilySearch

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Publications Visit Research Quick Links



Louisa Cecilia Tippetts

Birth Date
1890 November 18

Death Date
1978 April 23

Gender
Female

[View in FamilySearch](#)


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FamilySearch login required

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All Events

- Born in Georgetown, Bear Lake, Idaho**
1890 November 18
Mother
Emma Van Orman
- Baptised by Geo Hoff**
1899 June 16 (Age 8)
- Served in Central States Mission**
1911 December 12 (Age 21)
Residence When Called
Georgetown, Bear Lake, Idaho, United States
- Death**
1978 April 23 (Age 87)

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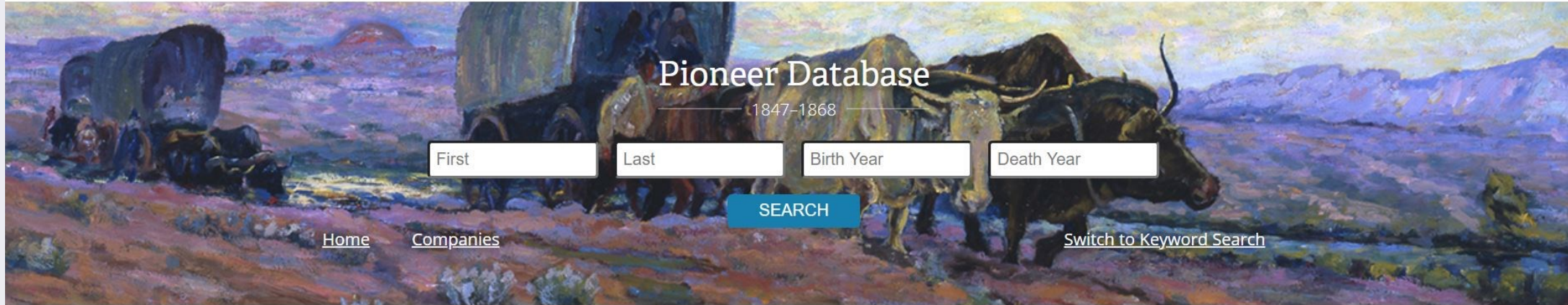


Louisa Cecilia Tippetts (1890)

Pioneer Database

Pioneer.ChurchofJesusChrist.org

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Pioneer Database

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About the Pioneer Database

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The Pioneer Database project began more than 30 years ago as staff at the Church History Library began to explore ways to help researchers better understand the experience of the Latter-day Saints as they crossed the plains to the Great Basin between the years 1847 and 1868. The database now contains information on more than 61,000 pioneers and 384 wagon and handcart companies.

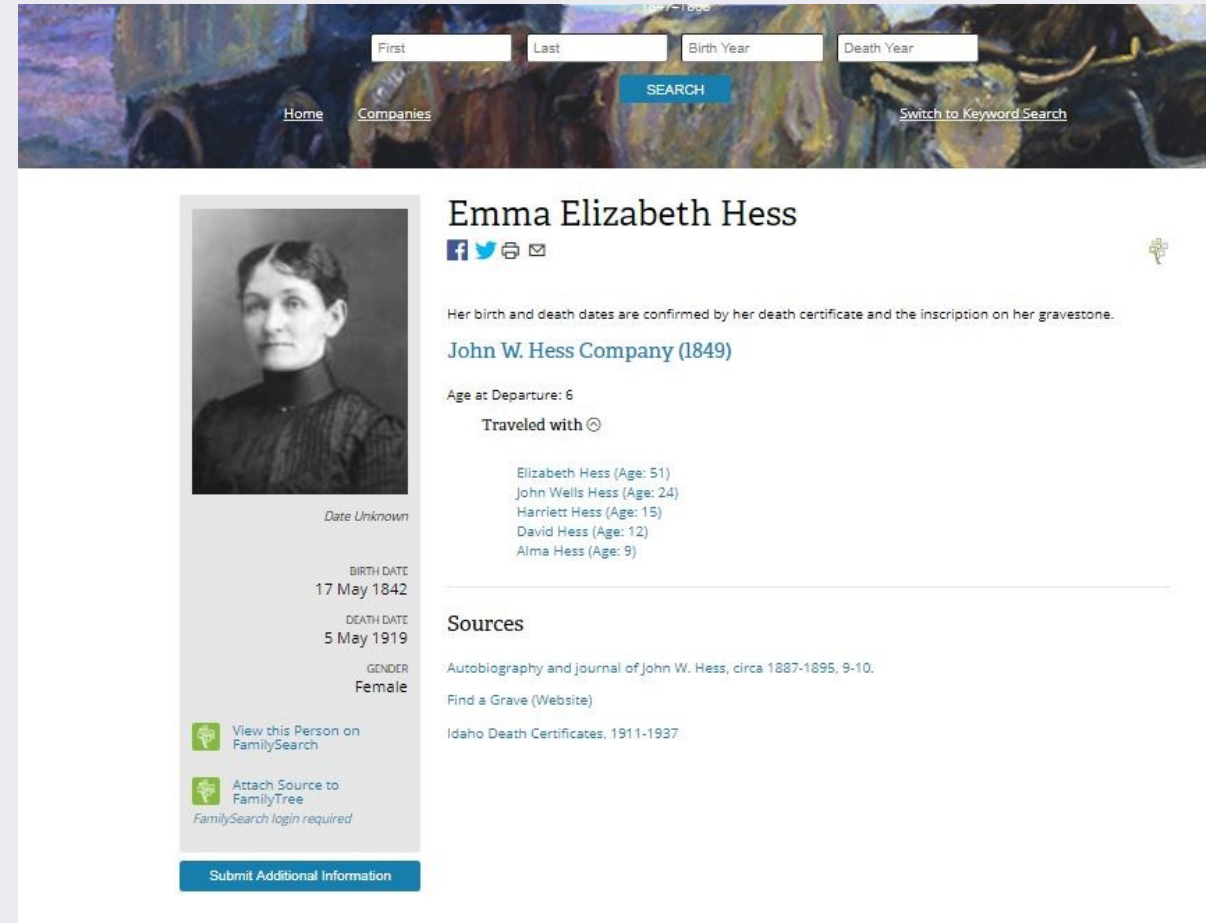
From the Life of John Clark Dowdle—Humor on the Plains

Recently Added

 **Berrill Covington**
Date Unknown
Berrill Covington Sr.
Individual Information
BIRTH DATE
6 July 1794

A look inside and tips -

- For women, try searching under the maiden name rather than married name(s)
- Try searching the company or people you think she traveled with
- Try different spellings, especially those Scandinavian names
- Read the journals of the people in the company – your ancestor may be mentioned
- Know that your ancestor may be in an unknown company
- You can submit information and documentation
- You can link your family member to FamilySearch



The screenshot shows the profile of Emma Elizabeth Hess on the John W. Hess Company website. At the top, there is a search bar with fields for First, Last, Birth Year, and Death Year, and a SEARCH button. Below the search bar are links for Home and Companies, and a link to Switch to Keyword Search. The profile for Emma Elizabeth Hess is displayed, featuring a black and white portrait. To the right of the portrait, her name is listed, followed by social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Email. Below this, a note states: "Her birth and death dates are confirmed by her death certificate and the inscription on her gravestone." The profile also lists "John W. Hess Company (1849)" and "Age at Departure: 6". Under "Traveled with", there is a list of names and ages: Elizabeth Hess (Age: 51), John Wells Hess (Age: 24), Harriett Hess (Age: 15), David Hess (Age: 12), and Alma Hess (Age: 9). The "Sources" section lists "Autobiography and journal of John W. Hess, circa 1887-1895, 9-10.", "Find a Grave (Website)", and "Idaho Death Certificates, 1911-1937". At the bottom of the profile, there are links to "View this Person on FamilySearch" and "Attach Source to FamilyTree" (with a note "FamilySearch login required"), and a "Submit Additional Information" button.

First Last Birth Year Death Year
SEARCH
Home Companies Switch to Keyword Search

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
- The First Fifty Years of Relief Society
- At the Pulpit
- Emmeline B. Wells' Diaries
- Eliza R. Snow's Discourses
- Joseph Smith Papers
- All are searchable!



Church History Library Catalog

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Any ▾

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Search

Advanced Search >






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Catalog Tips

- You can search by topic, name, location, ward, stake, mission
- Even though the Church History Library is currently closed to visitors, you can search our digital collections!
- We have digitized over 22 million assets and are working on digitizing even more!

Church History Catalog

Any **women** Search Advanced Search >

Narrow Your Search

View Digital

☐ Non-digital (72624)

☒ Digital (12151)

Record Type

☐ Archival Material (27670)

☐ Library Material (9482)

☐ Periodical Index (7622)

Creation/Publish Year

to Apply

Genre

Display 10 items Sort by Relevance Showing: 1-10 of 44,775

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 >

Utah State National League of American Pen Women in review

Author/Creator: Utah State National League of American Pen Women

Call Number: 920.7 U89u 1972

Publisher: Provo, Utah: J. Grant Stevenson, 1972

No preview available

Non-digital

[Women in public office in Utah]

Author/Creator: Center for the American Woman and Politics

Call Number: 920.7 C395w 1976

No preview available

Non-digital

Feedback

Catalog Tips

- You can narrow your search down by type, year genre, subject, creator, language
- You may hear Church History Library employees refer to these as “facets”.

Record Type ^

☐ Archival Material (7384)

☐ Periodical Index (3840)

☐ Library Material (926)

Creation/Publish Year ^

to

Genre ^

☐ Article (3320)

☐ Clippings (Newspapers, magazines, etc.) (106)

☐ Correspondence (1839)

☐ Electronic records (565)

☐ Fiction (77)

☐ Glass plate negatives (200)

☐ Journals (187)

☐ Letter to editor (116)

☐ Mini digital videocassettes (58)

☐ Minutes (91)

☐ Note-taking (70)

☐ Oral histories (605)

☐ Photographs (2228)

☐ Poem (72)

☐ Poetry (59)

☐ Postcards (123)

☐ Programs (60)

☐ Review (185)

☐ Sound recordings (423)

☐ Video recordings (58)

[^ Fewer Options](#)

Catalog Tips

- Always sign into your Church account when viewing the catalog
- You can use your FamilySearch account as your login too
- Some items you can only see if you have signed in – such as though under copyright restrictions
- While you may be able to view these items, you will be restricted from downloading and/or printing them

This screenshot shows a catalog record for a photograph titled "Promised Valley," (Unidentified stake/ward). A blue banner at the top left of the record area reads "COPYRIGHT RESTRICTIONS Approval Granted". To the right of this banner, a message states "You must sign in to view". The record includes a thumbnail image of a person, a "Digital" button, and a "Tell Me More" link. The "Found in:" field indicates it is from the "Young Women subject file photographs, 1880-1997 > Drama" collection, and the "Call Number:" is CR 13 165. On the left sidebar, the "Record Type" section is expanded, showing "Archival Material (7384)", "Periodical Index (3840)", and "Library Material (926)". The "Creation/Publish Year" section has input fields and an "Apply" button. The "Genre" section shows "Article (3320)" and "Photographs (2228)".

This screenshot shows a catalog record for the "Ellis R. Shipp journal, 1871-1878". A blue banner at the top left of the record area reads "LIMITED DIGITAL ACCESS". To the right of this banner, a button labeled "Request Digital Access" is visible. A "No preview available" icon is shown next to the title. The "Author/Creator:" field lists "Shipp, Ellis Reynolds 1847-1939" and the "Call Number:" is MS 15434. The "Summary:" field provides a detailed description of the journal's content, including Shipp's life in Salt Lake City, his Church activities, and his experiences in medical school in Chicago. A "Show More" link is provided below the summary. On the left sidebar, the "Electronic records (85)" section is expanded, showing "Correspondence (51)", "Photographs (33)", and "American poetry (30)". A "View More" link is also present. The "Subject" section shows "Mormon women (141)", "Missionary work (51)", and "Utah -- Salt Lake -- Salt Lake City (45)".

Final Tips

- Some information may be closed to research due to sacred, private, or confidential material. See our Access Policy for more information.
<https://history.churchofjesuschrist.org/content/library/access>
- If you are stuck, in a jam, confused, or just need help we are here for you! Click on the Ask Us link and fill out the form. It will go to our knowledgeable staff. We will try to answer your question within a week.
- You've got this! Good luck!



The background of the image consists of several overlapping, semi-transparent blue shapes that create a sense of rolling hills or mountains. The colors range from a deep navy blue to a slightly lighter, muted blue, giving it a layered, geometric appearance.

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